



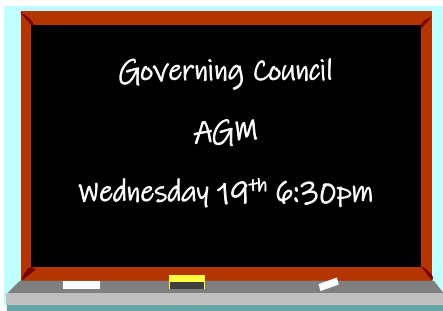
# Lyndoch Primary School

## Achieving Together

Respect - Resilience - Collaboration - Self Responsibility

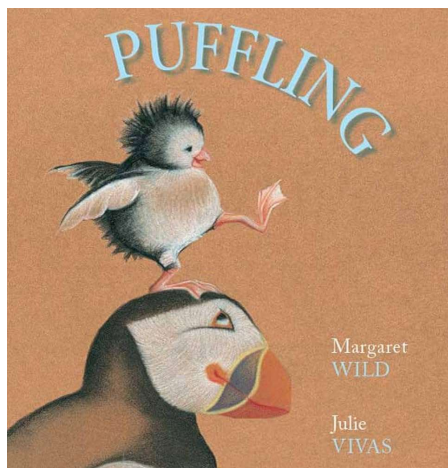


TERM 1, Week 3



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

In my last newsletter I explained how well we were set to start the new school year, then of course things changed. I would like to spend some time saying thank you to Miss Kate McAuley. She has spent 8 years at the school and made a significant impact on the lives of children and adults while she was here. Kate has been a teacher throughout the school and she has been a leader of wellbeing and curriculum. Kate has organised the SAPSASA events for the school for many years and has had a very strong influence on our Sports Days, camps, excursions and other major events. We know that she will be very much missed as there are many families that have a close association with Miss McAuley. We also wish her the best of luck in her new role. Deciding to leave a place where you are comfortable and go somewhere else is a brave decision. We hope she finds fun, excitement and challenges in her new role along with many new friends. We never want Miss McAuley to forget Lyndoch Primary School or the fantastic people who are working and learning here.

This change for Miss McAuley has also meant a change for us. Mrs Copeland has agreed to move to Miss McAuley class and is now teaching the Yr 2/3 classroom. I know she is having lots of fun meeting a new group of students and families.



I'm also very happy to welcome back Miss Fielke, who worked with us at the end of last year. She started in the Yr 4/5/6 last week and has spent a lot of time re-decorating and organising the learning space. I know the students were excited to have Miss Fielke back and I am confident she will develop fantastic ideas for their learning as the year progresses.

A final reminder for all parents about the **Governing Council AGM** on **Wednesday night starting at 6:30pm**. If you are interested in the future of the school and want to be involved and have some input, please come to our meeting on Wednesday night so you can hear about what Governing Council does and decide if you want to help out.

Mike Walsh  
Principal

## Acquaintance Night

We have needed to change our Acquaintance night from Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February to February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the night is to give parents and teachers a chance to meet each other and to give the teacher an opportunity to explain how the classroom operates, expectations of students and give an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

Classroom sessions start at the following times:

**JP Class starting at 5:00pm – 5:15pm**

**MP Class 5:20pm – 5:35pm**

**UP Class 5:40pm – 5:55pm**



Parents can choose to stay longer and ask questions of the teacher or explore the classroom with you child.

**Acquaintance Night Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb**

## NAPLAN

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students designed to provide information about student's literacy and numeracy achievements.

NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national proficiency standards.

NAPLAN is just one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. It does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information.

Online NAPLAN tests are designed to provide precise results and are engaging for students. The tests are tailored (or adaptive), which means that each test presents questions that may be more or less difficult depending on a student's responses. This helps students remain engaged with the assessment.

**The Practice NAPLAN Test is 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**The NAPLAN Test period is 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March**



If you have questions or would like further information, please contact the front office so we can help.

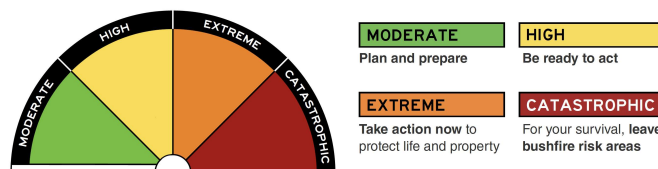
## Australian Fire Danger Rating System

Australia's fire danger rating system is designed to help people stay safe on days of fire danger risk.

Australia is a continent prone to bushfire which can pose considerable danger to lives and property. Fire danger ratings predict and describe the potential level of danger, should a bushfire start.

Fire danger ratings are important because they provide you with information to take action to protect yourself and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfire. They also provide emergency services with information that supports decision making.

The Australian fire Danger Rating System uses four easy to recognise rating levels, each with a message to encourage you to take action to protect yourself and others in the face of a bushfire risk.



Information about the designated bushfire risk on a given day can be found on the Alert SA App or the CFS website.



Parents should plan what they will do should we experience Catastrophic fire conditions in our area. Parents should expect that in Catastrophic fire conditions the school will be closed at short notice. The school will inform you of closures as soon as

possible so that you can make arrangements for the care of your children. The school would strongly urge parents to consider how their children will be cared for on these days before the event.

Parents are reminded on days designated as having Catastrophic fire risk, the school and the OSHC will be closed and there will be no staff on site.

## Governing Council

The next Governing Council Meeting will be. The AGM. This will be held on Wednesday **19<sup>th</sup> February at 6:30 pm**. We welcome parents to come to the meeting and join our Governing Council.

Councillors that continue in their membership are:

- Sam Hicks
- Renae Farrimond
- Suzie Rozman



This gives us 5 vacancies on our Governing Council in 2025

If you are interested in the future of the school and want to be involved and have some input, please come to our meeting on Wednesday night so you can hear about what Governing Council does and decide if you want to help out.

## School Times

Arrival time for school in the morning is between 8:35am and 8:55am. School starts at 8:55am. Parents/Caregivers are reminded that the morning yard duty does not begin until 8:35am and children should not be at school before this time.

School finishes at 3:15pm each day.

## Newsletter Issues

This is the second newsletter for the year. The next newsletter will be released at the end of week 6 and week 9. Most notes, forms and permission notes will be sent through Seesaw.

## Absences

If your child is ill or absent for any reason we would appreciate you contacting the school either in person, by phone, a short written note or a Seesaw message explaining the absence. DfE guidelines require us to keep records about student attendance and absences. We appreciate your cooperation in this work.



## Attendance and family Holidays

Parents and caregivers often have to take their leave out of the school holiday period resulting in students being absent during the school term.

Parents are asked to submit requests for exemptions if they know that their children will be away from school for extended periods of time (generally more than 3 days) Exemption forms are available from the front office, just ask Bec.



## Late Arrivals and Early Departures



In order to keep your children safe and give you confidence in the care we provide, we ask that you come to the front office to sign your child in if late or sign them out if you need to collect them earlier in the day. This way we can guarantee that we know who is collecting children and we have accurate records about children's attendance and absences.



## Out of School Hours Care

Jess Fry is our OSHC Director at Lyndoch Happy Haven OSHC. The OSHC can provide care for your children in the morning from 7am until school starts and in the afternoon from 3:15pm until 6:00pm. Games, activities, food and drinks are all provided.

For more information please talk with Jess at the OSHC or download the Happy Haven OSHC App



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3. Download the Happy Haven OSHC App
4. Activate account on desktop
5. Access and manage all information on app



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## General Permissions and Parental Contacts Update

In the first week, forms were sent home to families requesting updates to contact details and permissions. Please complete the forms that came home and return to school as soon as possible. Please note, **it is important that if any changes occur during the year to let the school know in case of an emergency.** New forms are available from the front office.

## Materials and Services Charge



### Materials and Services Charge for 2025

Invoices have been sent home for 2025 Materials and Services Charges.

We can accept cash or EFTPOS or you may make a direct Electronic Funds Transfer to the school account. Please make sure you put a name or an invoice number as a reference when making a payment. The school banks with ANZ.

BSB No. 015-560

Account No. 4125 36741

## School Card

Please note the information about School Card for 2025 was included in the envelope of information sent home at the beginning of the term. Please note that School Card must be applied for annually. The application process is online. Please look through the information sent home for details about how to apply. If you have any questions please come to the front office for assistance.

## Whole School Meetings

Whole School Meetings are a great way for parents to see work that their children have done through the term and also a fantastic way for children to share their work with each other.

Whole School Meetings will be held three times each Term in weeks 3, 6 and 9. Starting at 9.15am and should finish by 10:00am.

Dates for assemblies this term are:

Thursday Week 6 – 6th March

Friday Week 9 – 28th March

## Uniforms

The school expects students to wear school uniform or clothes in the school colour code.

The use of the school uniform promotes pride in our school, reduces peer pressure and competition among students about clothing brands and provides parents and caregivers with a cost effective option for appropriate school wear. It also helps to identify people who should not be on our school grounds as they stand out from the children who do wear school uniform.

The uniform expectations are as follows:

**Tops** – The schools polo top or jumper. Plain jumpers or polo tops can be worn as long as they are navy blue in colour without a brand identification or pattern.

**Hat** – navy wide-brimmed or bucket hat available from the school. Other hats are able to be used but they must be in the school navy blue colour.

If students are not wearing a hat they must play in a designated shade area. This has been implemented as part of our Skin Cancer protection and awareness program.

**On the Bottom**-Acceptable items include, solid navy (without brand names or patterns) shorts, tracksuits, long school pants, skirts or skorts and the blue and white checked school dresses.

**Footwear** – Shoes should be closed boots, sneakers or sandals with backstraps and buckles/velcro that are safe for the child to participate in sport. Sneakers provide a good balance of comfort and flexibility for PE, fitness and general activity in the schoolyard.

If in any doubt please come and speak with one of the staff in the front office.

## 2025 School Term Dates

- 1st Term 28th Jan – 11th April
- 2nd Term 28th April - 4th July
- 3rd Term 21st July – 26th Sept
- 4th Term 13th Oct - 12th Dec

The next public holiday is Adelaide Cup Day which is held on Monday 10th March.



**BREAKFAST CLUB**

BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE OFFERED AT VARIOUS TIMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR DEPENDING ON FOOD AVAILABILITY.

**MAY INCLUDE FOOD SUCH AS**

- TOAST WITH MARGARINE, JAM OR VEGEMITE
- CHEESE TOASTIES
- FRUIT
- CEREAL
- MILO

BREAKFAST CLUB IS OPTIONAL, FOOD DONATED BY KICK-START.

LIMITED SUPPLY & MAY VARY.

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE, PLEASE LET STAFF KNOW**



**FROZEN FLAVOURED MILK \$2.50**

**Swing** FROZEN CHOCOLATE FLAVOURED MILK

**Swing** FROZEN STRAWBERRY FLAVOURED MILK

**Juicies** FROZEN JUICE BAR NO ADDED SUGAR 100% NATURAL

**Juicies** FRESH PRESSED APPLES

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**OPENING TIMES WILL BE ADVERTISED ON SEESAW (Cash only)**

**FROZEN JUICE BAR \$2**  
Made from fresh pressed apples

## WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4	17/2	18/2	19/2 Governing Council AGM	20/2	21/2
5	24/2	25/2 NAPLAN Practice Test	26/2 Meet the Teacher Night	27/2	28/2
6	3/3	4/3	5/3	6/3 Whole School Meeting – R/1	7/3 PUPIL FREE DAY (TBC)
7 NAPLAN testing week	10/3 ADELAIDE CUP	11/3	12/3	13/3	14/3
8 NAPLAN Testing week	17/3	18/3	19/3	20/3	21/3
9	24/3	25/3	26/3	27/3	28/3 Whole School Meeting – Year 4/5/6
10	31/3	1/4	2/4	3/4	4/4
11 Swimming Week	4/4	8/4	9/4	10/4	11/4 Last day of term 2.15pm dismissal